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G. H. WILSON SEED CO., Downs, Kansas

We maintain these gardens especially for improving and developing new varieties of vegetables and flowers, where we hand-pollenize the blossoms of kindred plants, producing new varieties, then by years of careful selection we develop them until they are perfected. When we have absolutely proven them to be superior to all others, we offer the seeds to our customers.

We have developed a number of new varieties which we are offering you a few for this season and we can especially recommend. The Wilson's Black African, The Wilson's Black and the Golden Oval Muskmelons, and Wilson's White Seeded Tom Watson Watermelons. We have proven these and cannot endorse them too highly to our customers. Through their superior quality and long-keeping they sell readily for high prices when there is no market for other melons. Include these seeds in your orders. We guarantee them to be true to name and of high germination.

G. H. WILSON SEED CO., 607 Division Street, Downs Kansas. Phone 44.

Wilson's Black African Muskmelon—

A hybrid cross of several varieties, producing the most luscious, thick, green meated melon that we have ever seen. It is oval shaped, has dark green netted rind and sells at a high price even when market is glutted with other melons. Make money by planting these melons. Very fragrant and long keeper. A very heavy bearer. Pkt. 20c, oz 75c, ¼ lb. \$1.75, 1 lb \$6.00.

Wilson's Black Muskmelon—

It is oval shaped with a very dark green netted rind with very thick, red meat of the most highly sweet, delicious flavor—melting in your mouth. Will sell at a high price when there is no market for other melons. It is a good keeper and will lay for days in the patch after being ripe before it gets soft. We believe you could ship this melon from New York to San Francisco and back again to New York without ice and it would still be in good condition. There cannot be too much said in favor of this melon. The average melon weighs about 3½ to 4 pounds each. Packet 20c, oz 75c, ¼ lb \$1.90, 1 lb \$6.50.

Wilson's Golden Oval Muskmelon—

Named for its beautiful oval shape and cream colored rind with thick, golden colored flesh, which is delicious in flavor. Very solid and thick. Is a good keeper and a wonderful market melon. Slightly larger than Rocky Ford. A cross between Solomon Giant and Rocky Ford. Include a package in your order. Pkt., \$1.

Muskmelon Hearts of Gold, (Pure Strain)—

Pkt 10c, oz 20c, ¼ lb 35c, 1 lb \$1.25

Muskmelon—Ordway Pink Meat—

A fine melon. Pkt 10c, oz 20c, ¼ lb 35c, 1 lb \$1.25.

Honey Ball Muskmelon—

New and very highly recommended. The seeds are pure. Pkt 15c, oz 25c, ¼ lb 70c.

Wilson's Solomon Giant—

It is a giant indeed, both in size and quality. We do not know its origin as we found it growing in our patch among other melons. Pkt 40c.

Wilson's White Seed Tom Watson Watermelons—

A very large, dark green netted, thin, tough rind melon. Ships well; very sweet in flavor with white seed. A cross of Tom Watson and Irish Gray, combining the good qualities of both. A long melon, uniform in size and shape. A heavy bearer and great drouth resister. Will make the grower big money. Pkt 25c, oz 60c, ¼ lb \$1.60, 1 lb \$5.00.

Angel's Kiss Watermelon—

Pkt 5c, oz 10c, ¼ lb 30c, 1 lb \$1.

Ray's Jumbo or James Mammoth Squash—

Largest squashes grown. Pkt 10c, oz 25c.

Carrots—

Dawvers half long, one of the best oxheart. Very hardy, of good quality. Pkt 5c, oz 10c, ¼ lb 30c, 1 lb 95c.

Sweet Corn—

Breakey sweet corn. This is a winner! Extra early Malcolm, the earliest and we believe the heaviest yielder. Pkt 5c, ½ lb 20c, 1 lb 30c.

Chinese Cabbage Pe Tsai—

Pkt 10c, ½ oz 30c, oz 50c, ½ lb \$1.25

Cauliflower—

Danish, dry weather, the best. Pkt 15c, ¼ oz 80c, 1 oz \$2.75.

Pole Beans—

Lazy Wife. Pkt 5c, ½ lb 20c, 1 lb 35c.

Egg Plant—

Black Giant or Purple. Very early. Pkt 10c, ½ oz 30c, ¼ lb \$1.60.

Kohl Rabbi—

Early White Vienna. Pkt 5c, oz 15c, ¼ lb 80c.

Parsley—Moss Curled—

Pkt 5c, oz 10c, ¼ lb 35c, lb 95c.

Chicory Witloof—for salads—

Pkt 10c, oz 25c, ¼ lb 75c.

Gladiolus—

Purple and blue shades, 10c, 6 for 50c, dozen 95c.

Pink shades, yellow shades, white shades, red shades and striped shades—any color, your selection, each 8c, 6 for 40c, dozen 70c, postpaid.

Small Gladiolus bulbs, assorted colors. Dozen 35c. 100 bulbs \$2.20.

Dahlia Bulbs—

Red, royal purple, golden ball, yellow, white. All double. Any of the above varieties each 15c, 3 for 25cts, dozen 80c.

Mixed Dahlia bulbs, all colors, each 10c, 6 for 40c, dozen 65c.

Canna Bulbs—

The following are all large flowering cannas of the best variety: Bronze leaf varieties—Red King Humbert, Statue of Liberty; green leaf varieties—President, Winter's Colossal; variegated flowers—Madam Crozy and Apricot; pink flowered—Mrs. Alfred Conrad. Any of the above, 1 bulb 20c. variegated flowering—Madam Crozy. 2 for 30c, ½ dozen 85c, dozen \$1.55

Mammoth Cannas—

Grown for foliage. Bronze or green foliage. 1 bulb 15c, 3 for 25c, doz. 90c.

Iris Bulbs—

Any variety. Select your colors. 1 bulb 15c, ½ dozen 55c, dozen \$1.

Rhubarb Roots from Seed—1 doz 90c.

Horse Radish Roots—Dozen 25c, 100 roots for \$1.20.

Swiss Chard—

Pkt 5c, oz 10c, 1 lb 85c.

Leek or Broad Leaf Flag—

Pkt 5c, oz 20c, ¼ lb 60c.

Kale Extra Curly Dwarf—

Pkt 5c, oz 10c, ¼ lb 30c, 1 lb 85c.

Giant Crego Asters—

These are all colors. Pkt 10c, oz 90c

Our prices are all post paid, delivered to your address.

We allow a discount of 10 per cent on all mail orders over \$1.00. Make out your order and deduct 10 cents from each dollar and remit to us the net amount by money order, draft or personal check. Where purchases are made in person at our seed house we deduct shipping costs. Prices to you are less cost of shipping.

We guarantee everything we sell to be true to name and of select quality and nothing can be purchased better anywhere. We invite inspection of our vegetable and flower gardens.

above the new kinds is—Outlined these are of our own. Origination

Following is a list of new varieties being developed by us. They all have promise and will be a valuable addition to any garden; being in a pliable state they adopt themselves very readily to new soils and climates, and those marked early will ripen as far north as melons are grown. Be sure to try some of them. We specialize in developing new varieties of good quality earliness and good keepers. Wilson's Black, Black African and Golden Oval sold for 50 cents a dozen more money this year than any other varieties and we could not supply the demand. There was still some variation in them this season, but they all sold readily. We gave them such rigid selection this season we can scarcely believe there can be much variation in the future. You will find description and prices of these melons on opposite page.

We are creating by hand pollination many new crosses, to secure sweeter better varieties with better keeping qualities, which will arrive at the markets of the world in better condition, therefore selling at higher prices, giving the grower bigger profits for his labors.

New Muskmelons—(Early Variety)

(Always order new varieties by number; it will save confusion).

- No. 1—Very early, thick red meat.
- No. 2—Yellow rind, very early.
- No. 4—Very large, early.
- No. 5—Unknown, description lost.
- No. 6—Large, long, yellow, sport.
- No. 8—Giant Beautiful, green and red meat.
- No. 79—Early yellow rind, very solid.
- No. 12—Round Ribbed quality, excellent.
- No. 14—Ivory Wonder, the most beautiful melon we've ever seen.
- No. 15—Achievement, a perfect melon.
- No. 16—Unknown description, lost.
- No. 17—White rind, green and red meat.
- No. 18—Black rind netted, good quality.
- No. 19—Cream colored, netted rind.
- No. 22—Sport of 10-25.
- No. 23—Slick rind, good quality.
- No. 24—Smooth rind, red meat.
- No. 25—Mammoth Golden, oval.
- No. 28—Marbled rind, thick, green meat.
- No. 29—Very early yellow ribbed, netted rind.
- No. 30—Yellow netted, blue crease.
- No. 31—Very early, deep ribbed, yellow rind.
- No. 32—Red meat, yellow rind, sport.
- No. 33—Perfection, a perfect melon.
- No. 34—Indestructible, yellow rind, green meat.

- No. 35—Yellow rind, green groove.
- No. 36—Long, black, quality good.
- No. 37—Mammoth black, sport.
- No. 38—Nature's mistake, experiment.
- No. 39—Small, very early, yellow.
- No. 40—Early, yellow, green groove.
- No. 41—White rind, sport of black.
- No. 42—Sport, similar to pink meat.
- No. 44—Very fine netting, quality good.
- No. 45—Lost identity.
- No. 46—Very early, red meat, oval.
- No. 47—Black rind with complete gray quarter, an experiment.
- No. 48—Mammoth; ribbed, yellow rind.
- No. 49—Red meat, white rind, sport.
- No. 51—Gray rind, quality excellent.
- No. 52—White rind netted, very green meat. Experiment.
- No. 53—Giant Black Oak.
- No. 55—Green Tip delicious red meat.
- No. 66—Black Mammoth, netted mammoth size.
- No. 67—Very large, yellow netted red meat.
- No. 68—Musky flavor, early yellow.
- No. 85—Good quality white meat.

Late Varieties of Muskmelons

- No. 59—Beautiful green and red meat.
- No. 60—Yellow Beauty, very sweet.
- No. 61—Monstrosity Black, experiment.
- No. 62—Round Gray, very sweet.
- No. 63—Sport of Honey Ball, red meat.
- No. 64—Large Round, green meat; good.
- No. 65—Smooth, yellow red meat.
- No. 90—Appearance, good green meat.
- No. 91—Slick gray rind, experiment.
- No. 93—Sport of Burrell's Gem.
- No. 69—White Coarse netted, experiment.
- No. 70—Kansas Giant, White red meat.
- No. 71—Yellow, red and green meat.
- No. 72—Acorn, quality excellent.
- No. 73—Green rib, red meat.
- No. 75—Green Oval, flesh resembles honey.
- No. 76—Perfect, quality excellent; red meat.
- No. 77—Mammoth Egg, good quality.
- No. 81—Casabas Double, green meat.

These new melons are different in texture and appearance from any of the standard varieties. Flavors of all are excellent except those marked experiment. One-half ounce of any kind of the above seed, \$2.00. Packet \$1.25.

New Watermelons

- No. 82—Oblong striped sport of Wilson's White Seed.
- No. 83—Very large striped sport of Wilson's White Seed.
- Packet of either of above, \$1.00.
- 1928 Crosses of Muskmelons
- No. 3—Golden Champlain, cross on Wilson's Black.
- No. 94—Bender's Surprise, cross on Golden Champlain.
- No. 78—Pollock's 10-25, cross on Wilson's Black.

New Selections

Oval shaped Hearts of Gold. This selection is made to get away from the thin and soft spots that occur so frequently in the Round Hearts of Gold. The walls of an oval shaped melon are less apt to have thin places in them on the side that lays on the ground and will keep better. Pkt. 25c; oz. 50c; ¼ lb. \$1.50; ½ lb. \$2.25.

Flower Crosses of 1928

- No. 95—Shasta Daisy, cross on Feverfew.

- No. 96—Petuna, cross on Nicotina.
- No. 97—Nicotina, cross on Petuna.

New Wheats, third year of selection. Delivery of seed wheat made in the fall of 1929.

- No. 1—Wilson's Red Hull Wheat.
- No. 2—Wilson's Smooth Head Wheat.

- No. 3—Wilson's Red Beard Wheat.
- No. 5—Wilson's Black Hull Wheat.
- No. 6—Wilson's Hard Bearded Wheat.

- No. 7—Wilson's No. 2 Bearded Wheat.

- No. 8—Wilson's Smooth Hunter Wheat.

- No. 9—Wilson's No. 1 Hard Wheat.
- Any of the above, oz. 15c; ¼ lb. 30c; 1 lb. 75c; 3 lbs. \$1.80, postpaid.

Crosses of Sweet Corn in 1928

- No. 99—Malcolm, cross on Evergreen.

- No. 100—Breaky, cross on Malcolm.

- No. 101—Golden Bantam, cross on Malcolm.

- No. 102—Japanese Hulless Popcorn, cross on Queen's Golden.

- No. 103—Mexican June Fieldcorn, cross on White Flint corn.

- No. 104—Yellow Pear Tomato, cross on Oxheart.

- No. 105—Pumpkin or Squash, hard yellow striped rind, very thick orange meat. A hybrid.

We have some seed of Wilson's Black African Muskmelon which are patch run. There will be some variation in color of rind among the melons. They have good quality, green meat tinged with pink. Will ripen over a period of seven weeks. ¼ lb. 85c; 1 lb. \$2.50.

All melon seeds listed in our price lists are very carefully selected and melons are cut by hand and inspected to guarantee good quality and purity. Besides, many of our other vegetable seeds are chosen by similar methods.

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Amor Crosses.*